

MESSAGE

From

Both Houses of PARLIAMENT.

Sent to the

King and Queenes

MAIESTIES.

Touching certaine Letters lately intercepted, and as it may be conjectured, sent from the Lord *Digby*, to the Queenes MAIESTIE.

Whereunto is added the Answer of *Don Alfonso de Cardenas*, the Spanish Ambassador, Resident here in England, to the late Message sent to Him from both the said Houses, touching the Information given them of the Ships at *Dunkerke*, for the aid of the Rebels in Ireland.

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Most gratiouſe Sovereign.

YOur Majesties most Loyall and faithfull Subjects, the Lords and Commons in Parliament, have received Your Message of the 26. of this instant February, sent at the instance of the Queens Majesty.

And upon consideration thereof, to our great joy and content, find therein cleer expressions of Grace and Favour, from both Your Majesties, for which we return our most humble thanks, and hath here withall sent the Transcrips of that Letter required by Your Majesty, as likewise of two other Letters directed to M. Secretary *Nicholas*, and Sir *Lewes Dives*, all which was brought to us under owne cover indorced to M. Secretary with (information, that they were written by the Lord *Digby*; who being a person fled from the Justice of Parliament, and one who had given many evidences of the diff-affection to the publike good; we conceived it necessary to open the two former, and finding sundry exprefſions in them full of Asperitic and Malignity to the Parlia-

ment. We thought it very probable, That the like may be contained in that to Her Majesty; and that it would be dishonourable to Her Majesty, and dangerous for the Kingdome if it should not be opened, wherein we were no whit deceived, as Your Majesty may well perceive by the Contents thereof.

And although we cannot but be very sensible of the great dishonour therein done to Your Majesties, and the malitious endeavours of fo-
menting and encreasing the jealousy betwixt Your Majesty and Your people: Yet we are farre from reflecting any thing upon the Queen, or expecting any satisfaction from Her Majesty; But impute all to the bold and envenomed spirit of the man; Only we most earnestly beseech Your Majesty to perswade the Queen, that she will not vouchsafe any countenance to, or correspon-
dency with the Lord Dibb, or any other of the fugitive or Traitors whose offences now depend under the examination and judgment of Parliament, which we assure our selves will be very effectuall to further the removall of all Jealousies and discontents betwixt Your Majesty and Your people, and redressing the great Affairs of Your Majesty and the Kingdome in a assured State and condition of Honour, safety, and prosperity of

The
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The Spanish Ambassadors answer to the Message from a Committee of both Houses of Parliament.

THe Lord Ambassador of Spaine, *Don Alfonso de Cardenas* having understood what the Lord *Fielding*, of the Lords House, and Sir *Thomas Barrington* Baronet, and Sir *John Holland* Baronet of the House of Commons, All three Commissaries from the Parliament, have said in the behalfe of both Houses, concerning the advertisement given them, that in the Haven of *Dunkirk*, there were certaine ships laded with Ammunition, ready to take saile, intended for the relief of the Rebels of *Ireland*, which they hold contrary to the Articles of Peace betweene the two Crownes. And that they required he shoulde send to *Dunkirk*, and all other His Majesties Dominions, And that he should write unto the King His Master to make stay of those and all such ships, as may carry supply of powder, viuals, money, or any other ayde to his Majesties subjects, that at this present are in rebellion in *Ireland*; because other-

wise it would be understood to be a breach of
the Treaties betweene the two Crownes, and
so resented by the Parliament. The said Am-
bassador of Spaine answered, That besides the
understanding, which hee hath of the King His
Masters minde and intention to conserue the
friendship which he professeth with His Majestie
of great Britaine, he hath expresse and most par-
ticular notice, that the Ships which are now in
Dunkerke Haven, laden with Souldiers and Am-
munition and ready to saile, neither are for Ireland,
nor were they provided for any such pur-
pose, And that this notice was given him by *Don*
Francisco de Melo Earle of Assumar, Governoour
and Captaine Generall of the States of Flaunders,
whom the resident of his Majestie of great Brit-
taine, that assists in Brussels, assured that hee is
fully satisfied of their not going to Ireland, as is
also His King, who signified so much unto him
in a Letter, in which hee likewise comandaded
him to thanke the said *Don Francisco de Melo*, for
denying leave, which certaine Irish serving in
those States, had asked to returne to their Coun-
try, which hee denied; to avoyd all suspition,
Notwithstanding their end for asking it, was
unknowne. The same assurance did the same
Ambassador give unto the Commissaries afores-
aid.

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laid of the Parliament, concerning the mentioned Ships in *Dunkerke* laden with Ammunition, and Souldiers, that they are not for *Ireland*; And he proffered to Write to *Dundeerte*, and all other Parts of *Flaunders* and Dominions of the King His Master; and particularly to his Catholike Majestie, to the end, That the obseruance of the Articles of peace, which hitherto have beeene so religiously observed of the King His Masters part, and His Subjects, may be continued; and that new and strait Orders be given, That no Subject of his Catholike Majestie, shall dare violate them, sending any kind of aydes to foster the insurrection in *Ireland*, under paine of the punishment imposed upon the transgressours. And the said Ambassadour to manifest the sincerity of his hearr, proffered to solicite it with the readiest and most forcible meanes that lay in his power, hoping (as in reason he should) that his Majeſtie of great *Britany*, and the Parliament, will for their part punctually obſerve the ſame in the aforesaid conformity towards the Rebels of the King his Master, not permitting any kinds of ſuccour or assistance in whatſoever quality to be afforded them, from these Kingdomes. Renewing for this effect all requisite Orders unto the Officers and Ports of the ſaid Kingdomes chasti-

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sing the transgressours of what is settled in the
Peace, with the punishments contained in the
Articles of it; that so by reciprocall observance,
the good correspondency, which is at this pre-
sent betwixt these two Crownes of *Spaine* and
England, may be assuredly maintained.

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